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SUBJECT: US-ITALY FISHERIES TALKS: THE EC CONNECTION

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1. GOI RAISED ISSUES OF EC JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES
RESOURCES DURING AUGUST 13 VISIT OF A US DELEGATION TO DIS-
CUSS BILATERAL FISHERIES ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE POSSIBILITY
OF NEGOTIATING A US-ITALY BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT (AS
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FORESEEN UNDER THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT

OF 1976. SINCE THESE ISSUES MAY AFFECT THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER EC MEMBERS, EMBASSY ROME IS TRANSMITTING RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE REPORTING CABLE DEALING WITH THE EC.

2. QTE:

11. DURING COURSE OF EVENING DISCUSSIONS, GOI EXPLAINED PRESENT EC POSITION ON FISHERIES. THEY STATED THAT THERE IS A QTE TREND TO TRANSFER TO THE EC COMMISSION THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE FOR NEGOTIATING FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES UNQTE, AND THAT IT IS QTE QUITE SURE THAT THIS EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1977 UNQTE. (THEY CITED ICELAND AND THE US AS EXAMPLES OF THIRD COUNTRIES.) THEY SAID THAT IT WOULD THEREFORE BE QUITE DIFFICULT FOR ANY EC MEMBER AT THIS TIME TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT REFERRAL TO THE EC FOR CONSIDERATION. THEY NOTED THAT OF COURSE THE GOI CAN CONSIDER A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT LIKELY BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT EC APPROVAL, AND POSSIBLY NOT AT ALL IN VIEW OF EC POSITION. THEY NOTED AS AN EXAMPLE OF OTHER DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT BE ENCOUNTERED, THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY (ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF DRAFT FISHERIES AGREEMENT), STATING THAT EC MEMBERS HAVE RELINQUISHED SOVREIGNTY OVER THE RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY AND HENCE NO LONGER HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT RECIPROCITY TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

12. IN DISCUSSIONS OVER LUNCH, GOI REPS QUESTIONS US DEL AT LENGTH ON ATTITUDE OF USG TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC AS A UNIT, NOTING THAT THEY WILL LIKELY BE CONSTRAINED TO COMMUNITY ACTION ONLY AS OF JANUARY 1, AND IN PRACTICAL TERMS, ALREADY ARE. US DEL RESPONDED THAT LANGUAGE OF P.L. 94-265 CONTEMPLATES BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SOVREIGNS AND ALLOCATIONS BY COUNTRY BASED ON TRADITIONAL FISHING, COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND COOPERATION IN ENFORCEMENT AND CONSERVATION, NOTING THAT AN AGREEMENT WITH EC MIGHT DO VIOLENCE TO THE TRADITIONAL FISHING CRITERIA ESPECIALLY AND THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE UNDER P.L. 94-265 TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EC, ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE IS UNDER STUDY. UNQTE. VOLPE

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